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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact by Mr. Marion Johnson of the National Archives and Records Service, GSA

1. A Mr. Marion Johnson of the National Archives and Records Service, GSA, contacted me on 22 September 1975 to relate the following story. His responsibility is the custodian of the archival records of the Warren Commission Report; which responsibility includes safeguarding the classified records. These records are primarily composed of FBI and CIA documentation and Mr. Johnson acknowledges awareness that access to them can be granted only by the two agencies involved. He telephoned me at the direction of the Deputy Archivist.

2. He states that Senator Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania has had a personal research interest in the Warren Commission documentation. He is aware of Senator Schweiker's membership on the Senate Select Committee. One day last week, a staff member of Senator Schweiker asked, on behalf of the Senator, access to the classified Warren Commission documentation. He was informed that permission should be sought from CIA and the FBI. On Monday morning, 22 September, Senator Schweiker, accompanied by two staff members, visited the National Archives and Records Service on 7th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and gained access to classified documents and reviewed them. Mr. Johnson states he knows this was unauthorized access and did not offer an explanation as to how it came about. In answer to my question as to whether they had taken or Xeroxed any copies of such documentation, he said the answer was negative to the best of his knowledge.

3. I told Mr. Johnson I would have an officer contact him in the near future to pursue this issue. I informed Mr. [redacted] by telephone immediately of this occurrence.

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I have asked [] of my Staff to contact Mr. Johnson, this date, and acquire further details on this matter.

Signed: John F. Blake

John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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cc: [] (by hand)
Mr. Warner

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